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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chinery (US Pat. App. Pub. 2004/0077556) in view of Lawn et al. (US Pat. 6,821,774), Brink (US Pat. 6,113,949) and Allen (US Pat. 5,480,657).

Chinery discloses a composition containing caffeine (which increases cAMP), at least one of synephrine (which increases cAMP), hordenine, octopamine, tyramine and N-methyltyramine, yohimbine (which increases cAMP), which promotes weight loss in mammals (paragraphs 0075-0076, 0090-0095, 0103-0105, 0155-0157). It is disclosed that the composition may be administered orally and can be in the form of capsules or powder or a liquid suspension, colloidal suspension, shake or aqueous mixture, which can be taken once daily, or in divided doses taken, for example, before the morning exercise session and after said exercise in the mid-afternoon (Paragraphs 0175-0177). It is disclosed that the amount of caffeine is most preferably approximately 150 mg to 500 mg per day, the amount of synephrine is most preferably approximately 40 mg to 80 mg per day and that the amount of yohimbine is most preferably approximately 12 mg to 18 mg per day (paragraphs 0174, 0210, 0260). It is disclosed that the composition may optionally and additionally contain alkaloids (paragraph 0262). It is disclosed

that combining an alpha-1 agonist with forskolin helps to increase thyroid production which is useful increasing weight loss (Paragraph 0093).

Lawn et al. disclose methods for increasing cholesterol efflux from cells of a mammal by administering forskolin which increases synthesis of cAMP and vinpocetine which inhibits the degradation of cAMP (Column 9, lines 1-16).

Brink discloses a composition for weight control containing about 75 mg of guggulsterones (column 5, lines 47-68, column 6, lines 1-3).

Allen discloses a composition for weight control containing caffeine and a source of chromium, such as black pepper (column 2, lines 10-68, Column 7, lines 5-63).

The difference between the prior art and the claimed invention is that the prior art does not expressly disclose the combination of forskolin, guggulsterone and vinca alkaloid with Caffeine, Adrenergic amine and alpha 2-receptor antagonist. However, the prior art amply suggests the same as the prior art discloses that the caffeine, adrenergic amines, forskolin, guggulsterone and alpha-2-receptor antagonists are used to control weight, that caffeine, adrenergic amines and alpha-2-receptor antagonists increase cAMP and that vinpocetine inhibits cAMP degradation. As such, it would have been well within the skill of and one ordinary skill in the art to combine the above with the expectation that the addition of vinpocetine would potentiate the effects of the caffeine, adrenergic amines and alph-2-receptor antagonists by inhibiting the degradation of cAMP and that the combination of the six components would be effective in controlling weight. Further, it would have been well within the skill to additionally add Black Pepper with the expectation that the chromium contained therein would also be effective in promoting weight loss.

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Therefore, the claimed invention, as a whole, would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, because every element of the invention has been collectively taught by the combined teachings of the references.

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Mr. Gary Kunz, can be reached at 571-272-0887. Additionally, Technology Center 1600's Receptionist and Customer Service can be reached at (571) 272-1600.

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